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February 21st, 1929.

Doctor Le Roy Abrams,
Dudley Herbarium,
Stanford University,
Palo Alto, California.

My Dear Doctor Abrams:-

Your courteous note received some time ago, with its good wishes for our Botanical Project, pleased me very much. We have done a good many things in our Botanical Garden since your last visit to the ranch, and are working out the details for our Managerial program as we go - our "staff" now consists of-

Business Director

(It naturally has to be one who is managing the ranch business).

Field Superintendent and my assistant

(The ranch superintendent whom you know).

Resident Botanist

Nurseryman

Representing Future Board of Trustees

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It is a small group the members of which should work harmoniously together for the steady development of the project if we can keep personal ambition subservient to the larger accomplishment.

Our Botanist goes back to teaching next summer and I am looking for a trained man in the field of systematic botany to take his place. I think it would be a mistake to again try a boy just out of college who has had no experience and naturally is not ready to settle down to the steady grind of Herbarium and collecting work. It seems to me a man between thirty and forty years old would be a better prospect, and be more apt to be contented at the ranch.

Please advise me if you know of any one whom you think would fit into our scheme of things. It is straight botany and the man who takes it must be physically and temperamentally fitted to combine a great deal of office and clerical work with good hard camping trips to the mountains and the desert when the season is right for gathering different species.

With kindest remembrances, in which Doctor Bryant joins me, I am,

Most sincerely,

*Collector, brush, shrubs
2 or 3 Mexican at nursery
10 or 12 in garden work on hills*